

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy
Court for the District of Columbia

SHAUN RUSHING,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Civil Action No. 21-01909 (UNA)
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UNITED STATES SOCIAL)
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,)
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Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the court on its initial review of Plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *Pro se* litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); *see Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff alleges that an unidentified employee of the Social Security Administration at its office in Sebring, Florida, has discriminated against him by giving paperwork about Plaintiff to another unidentified individual. As drafted, Plaintiff's *pro se* complaint fails to comply with the

minimal pleading standard set forth in Rule 8(a). It fails to articulate a claim showing Plaintiff's entitlement to the \$10 trillion award Plaintiff demands. The Court will thus dismiss the complaint without prejudice and will grant the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: August 4, 2021



CARL J. NICHOLS
United States District Judge